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For: SURFACE STABILIZED MICROBUBBLES FOR USE IN ULTRASOUND  
CONTRAST AND DRUG DELIVERY AGENTS

**AMENDMENT AFTER ENTRY OF RCE**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated 09/25/2006, the time for responding thereto being extended in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, after entry of concurrently submitted Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.